

## Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address October 30, 2015 “Election for Speaker of the House & Budget Deal”

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Hello, this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess.

As many of you know, it was a very busy week in Washington, D.C..

Yesterday the House of Representatives elected Congressman Paul Ryan as the Speaker of the House.

Speaker Ryan has a proven track record of being an effective communicator, a thinker and a visionary.

I am very optimistic that he embodies the traits to advance the conservative cause and to do the people’s business.

Under his leadership in the House Budget Committee, the House passed a series of balanced budgets for the first time in decades.

He has been a key leader on tax and budget reform and made entitlement reform mainstream in the Republican Conference.

And I have to tell you—this leadership change has come at exactly the right time.

The House of Representatives passed, what was called, the Bipartisan Budget Act this week.

That was a deal that I could not support.

This is a process that should have included the entire Republican Conference. Instead it occurred behind closed doors with only House and Senate leadership involved.

The so-called debt ceiling deal gives the illusion of entitlement reform, but lacks clear and long-term spending reduction.

Spending cuts that are needed to get our Nation's fiscal problems in order.

I cannot support an agreement that turns off the sequester and suspends the debt limit for two years.

This gives President Obama a blank checkbook to rack up more debt that we will have to deal with after he vacates the White House.

Unlike the spending that goes into effect immediately, the projected savings will not occur for years to come—if ever.

At a time when our nation's deficit and debt are crippling and unsustainable, a backroom deal like this is simply unacceptable.

But today the Ryan Speakership gives new hope that Washington business as usual is over and that fiscal sanity may indeed be given a chance to work.

As always, I welcome your comments and your questions on this issue and any others.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. May God bless you and your family, may God bless Paul Ryan and his family and as the song says may God bless Texas.